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Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM THE BOARD-DIRECTED
CalWORKs FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS STAKEHOLDERS PROCESS
(ALL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt the consensus recommendations of the Stakeholders in the amount of \$22,402,000, as set forth in Attachment A. These recommendations will be funded exclusively through preserved Net County Cost (NCC) resulting from utilizing Performance Incentives (PI) instead of NCC in FY 2002-03 to fund juvenile probation services, pursuant to your Board's action on April 29, 2003 and are projected to be unspent as of June 30, 2005.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to negotiate, prepare, and execute new contracts, contract amendments, and/or contract renewals, as set forth in Attachment B. The approval of County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office (CAO) will be obtained prior to executing such contracts and amendments, and the Director will notify the CAO in writing within ten (10) business days after execution.
3. Instruct the Director of DPSS to utilize any preserved NCC available after FY 2005-06 to sustain CalWORKs Homeless Prevention Services, to the extent those services cannot be funded through Single Allocation funds.
4. Request the Children's Planning Council, subject to available funding, to prepare a report to your Board within six months on the CalWORKs Stakeholders Process since its inception in 2002, including the direct effects of the Process, lessons learned, and potential implications for future collaborative planning.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On June 21, 2004, your Board instructed the Director of DPSS to reconvene the CalWORKs Stakeholders, previously identified by your Board as representatives of the CAO, DPSS, New Directions Task Force, Public Social Services Commission and the Community Planning Group, by February 2005 to reassess the \$6.5 million allocated for Youth Jobs in the summer of 2005 and address any projected available preserved NCC funding for FY 2005-06.

Consistent with your Board's instructions, the Stakeholders met on February 3 and February 9. This Board letter transmits recommendations from the Stakeholders regarding the recommended utilization of the remaining available preserved NCC funding in the amount of \$22,402,000. The Stakeholders reached a complete consensus regarding the projected available funding. These consensus recommendations are addressed in Recommendation 1 and set forth in Attachment A.

Per your Board's instructions, the Stakeholders reassessed the \$6.5 million allocated for Youth Jobs and do not recommend reallocation of any portion of this funding. Therefore, no further action is required for the Youth Jobs Program to be sustained in the summer of 2005.

In FY 2005-06, DPSS intends to utilize CalWORKs Single Allocation funding to sustain the FY 2004-05 funding level for the following programs for which preserved NCC was previously allocated through this process:

- CalWORKs Community College Coordination Services (\$2.8 million)
- Careers in Child Care (\$1.6 million)
- County Apprenticeship Program (\$600,000)
- Domestic Violence Services (\$2.6 million)
- Housing Relocation Program (\$200,000)
- Vehicle Repair (\$400,000)

The \$2.6 million for CalWORKs Domestic Violence (DV) Services is in addition to the \$10.6 million in Single Allocation funding historically allocated for DV services, thereby increasing the total commitment of Single Allocation funding for CalWORKs DV Services to \$13.2 million.

Additionally, DPSS intends to utilize \$3.6 million in CalWORKs Single Allocation funding in FY 2005-06 for that portion of Homeless Prevention Services for which Single Allocation funding is allowable. The remaining funding for Homeless Prevention Services is included on Attachment A.

In the event that FY 2005-06 CalWORKs Single Allocation funding from the State is not sufficient to fund these programs/services at the current level, DPSS will reconvene the Stakeholders in the summer of 2005 to assess the circumstances at that time and report back to your Board with any recommended modifications to the utilization of preserved NCC in FY 2005-06.

Implementation of several of the consensus funding recommendations addressed in Recommendation 1 require the execution of contract amendments and the execution of one new contract for the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Education & Training Program. In addition, contract amendments will be required for some of the above listed programs for which DPSS intends to utilize Single Allocation funding in FY 2005-06. Recommendation 2 seeks delegated authority for the Director of DPSS to execute one new contract and amendments or extensions of existing contracts, as set forth in Attachment B.

To the extent that any preserved NCC remains unspent as of June 30, 2006, the Stakeholders recommend that such funds be used to sustain Homeless Prevention Services, as set forth in Recommendation 3.

Since its inception in 2002, the CalWORKs Funding Recommendations Stakeholders Process has embodied a new approach to collaborative planning within the County, which has already spawned a similar process established by the Department of Mental Health. Given the County's overall interest in increased collaboration, both among departments and with community partners, it is appropriate to assess the lessons learned from this process and consider potential implications for future collaborative planning. Given its role in the initiation of the CalWORKs Stakeholders Process and its overall role in promoting collaborative planning within the County, the Children's Planning Council is uniquely suited to complete this report, subject to available funding. Recommendation 4 asks your Board to ask the Children's Planning Council to prepare a report on the Stakeholders Process and submit that report to your Board within six months.

I have independently reviewed and concur with the consensus recommendations of the Stakeholders.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions are consistent with the principles of the Countywide Strategic Plan, Goal 5: Children and Families' Well-Being as measured by achievements in the five outcome areas adopted by the Board: good health; economic well-being; safety and survival; social and emotional well-being; and education/workforce readiness.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These recommendations will be funded exclusively through preserved NCC resulting from utilizing PI instead of NCC in FY 2002-03 to fund juvenile probation services, pursuant to your Board's action on April 29, 2003.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

All contracts funded pursuant to these recommendations will include provisions for performance standards.

The recommendations are made subject to applicable laws, regulations and Board actions in effect and applicable to the projects, programs, and/or line items identified in the recommendations. The County of Los Angeles through DPSS has the legal authority pursuant to State law to administer the CalWORKs program in the county. The CAO has reviewed and approved this letter. County Counsel has reviewed and approved this letter as to form.

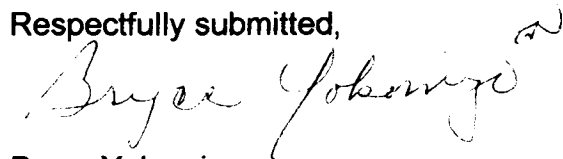
CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Director of DPSS will execute a new contract, contract renewals, and contract amendments in accordance with the delegated authority requested in Recommendation 2 and detailed in Attachment B.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

To the extent that implementation of these recommendations increases the number of CalWORKs families who attain long-term self-sufficiency, they will reduce the current and future demand for public services.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Commission for Public Social Services
Community Planning Group
New Directions Task Force

Consensus Funding Recommendations FY 2005-06

Program/Service	Recommended Preserved NCC Funding
After School Enrichment Program	\$17,062,000
Homeless Prevention Services	\$2,400,000
Transitional Subsidized Employment (see Note #1)	\$2,440,000
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Education & Training (see Note #2)	\$500,000
Total Consensus Recommendations	\$22,402,000

Note #1: DPSS is currently exploring an alternative approach to Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) which would reduce the preserved NCC/Single Allocation funding required for each TSE program participant, thereby reducing the allocation needed to continue serving the current number of participants. The Stakeholders support maintaining the opportunity for the same number of participants to benefit from Transitional Subsidized Employment in FY 05-06 as in FY 04-05. Accordingly, in FY 05-06, DPSS will supplement the preserved NCC funding for TSE with the amount of Single Allocation funding necessary to maintain the current number of slots in the program.

Note #2: The Stakeholders recommend that DPSS contract with the LA Community College District (LACCD) for a two-year period (\$250,000 per year) to protect the County's past investment by institutionalizing innovative approaches to LEP education and training embodied in the courses previously funded through this process. LACCD, in collaboration with LACOE, would constitute a small team of experts to: (1) assist individual community colleges, adult schools, and Regional Occupational Centers/Programs (ROC/Ps) to sustain current programs, develop new programs, and strengthen linkages with employers; (2) collect and disseminate information among all the schools in the county, including the establishment of a web-based resource library; (3) develop a countywide recruitment brochure for all of these programs and other recruitment mechanisms; (4) facilitate shared learning among schools; and (5) coordinate with GAIN case managers and assessors to maximize enrollment of CalWORKs participants in LEP education and training programs.

RECOMMENDED DELEGATED CONTRACT AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Contract Amendments

Program/Service	Contractor(s)	Term of Contract Extension
After School Enrichment Program	LAUSD	July 2005 - June 2006
	LACOE	
CalWORKs Community College Coordination Services	13 Community College Districts	July 2005 - June 2006
Careers in Child Care	10 Community Colleges	July 2005 - June 2006
County Apprenticeship Program	LAUSD	July 2005 - June 2006
Transitional Subsidized Employment	City of Hawthorne	July 2005 - June 2006

New Contract

Program/Service	Contractor(s)	Term of New Contract
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Education & Training	LA Community College District	July 2005 - June 2007